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**RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116
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In re Patent Application of

MAVILIO

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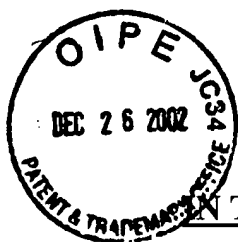
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, entry and
consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows: /

Cancel claims 1-10, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

--11. (new) A method for increasing the frequency of myogenic conversion of
genetically modified dermal fibroblasts comprising:
ex-vivo transduction of fibroblasts with a therapeutic gene or a gene capable of
correcting a gene defect, to produce transduced fibroblasts; and